



## ***City of El Paso – City Plan Commission Staff Report***

**Case No:** PZRZ13-00026  
**Application Type:** Rezoning  
**CPC Hearing Date:** March 27, 2014  
**Staff Planner:** Michael McElroy, 915-212-1612, mcelroyms@elpasotexas.gov  
**Location:** South of Patriot Freeway and East of McCombs Street  
**Legal Description:** Parcel 1- A portion of Section 30, Block 80, Township 1, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
Parcel 2- A portion of Section 30, Block 80, Township 1, Texas and Pacific Railway Company Surveys, City of El Paso, El Paso County, Texas  
**Acreage:** Parcel 1- 10.78 acres  
Parcel 2- 24.22 acres  
**Rep District:** 4  
**Existing Zoning:** R-F (Ranch and Farm)  
**Existing Use:** Vacant  
**Request:** Parcel 1- From R-F (Ranch-Farm) to C-2 (Commercial)  
Parcel 2- From R-F (Ranch-Farm) to C-3 (Commercial)  
**Proposed Use:** Retail and Office  
**Property Owner:** EP Plaza Partners, LP  
**Representative:** Conde Inc.

### **SURROUNDING ZONING AND LAND USE**

**North:** G-MU (General Mixed Use) / Vacant  
**South:** R-3A/c (Residential/condition) / Single-family dwellings  
**East:** R-F (Ranch and Farm) / Northeast Regional Park  
**West:** C-2/c (Commercial/condition) / Retail

**PLAN EL PASO DESIGNATION:** G-4 Suburban Walkable (Northeast Plan Area)

**NEAREST PARK:** Northeast Regional Park (440 feet)

**NEAREST SCHOOL:** Barron Elementary (2,471 feet)

### **NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS**

There are no registered neighborhood associations in the area. This was verified through Community Development Department data on recognized neighborhood associations.

### **NEIGHBORHOOD INPUT**

Notice of a Public Hearing was mailed to all property owners within 300 feet of the subject property on March 11, 2014. The Planning Division has not received any letters or phone calls in support or opposition of the rezoning request.

### **APPLICATION DESCRIPTION**

The applicant is requesting a rezoning from R-F (Ranch-Farm) to C-2 (Commercial) and C-3 (Commercial) to permit a retail and office complex. The conceptual site plan proposes a large development of retail and office buildings of varying sizes. The applicant has proposed to split the parcel by metes and bounds, as depicted in the conceptual plan, so to not result in a split-zoned property. Furthermore, the proposed C-2 zoning for Parcel 1 is more compatible with the residential properties directly south of the subject property. Access to the subject property is proposed from US-54, McCombs Street, and Rick Husband Drive.

## **PLANNING DIVISION RECOMMENDATION**

The Planning Division recommends **approval** of the rezoning from R-F (Ranch-Farm) to C-2 (Commercial) and C-3 (Commercial). Located at the convergence of an interstate highway and a major arterial, and in proximity to high density districts, the proposed commercial districts are appropriate for the expected needs of northeast El Paso, in addition to serving the existing residential properties to the west and south.

## **Plan El Paso - Future Land Use Map Designation**

All applications for a rezoning shall demonstrate compliance with the following criteria:

G-4 – Suburban (Walkable). This sector applies to modern single use residential subdivisions and office parks, large schools and parks, and suburban shopping centers. This sector is generally stable but would benefit from strategic suburban retrofits to supplement the limited housing stock and add missing civic and commercial uses.

The purpose of the C-2 and C-3 (Community Commercial) district is to provide goods or render services which are used in support of the community's trade and service establishments and serving multi-neighborhoods. Permits intensities designed to be compatible with each other and provides for a wide range commercial activities, including light automobile related uses.

## **COMMENTS:**

### **Planning Division - Transportation**

A TIA is required.

Note: All existing / proposed paths of travel (accessible sidewalks, wheelchair access curb ramps and driveways) within public rights-of-way shall be in compliance with current ADA/TAS rules and regulations and the current City of El Paso Design Standards for Construction.

### **City Development Department – Plan Review**

No objections. Submitted site plan was not reviewed for conformance with any building codes or ADA regulations due to it been a conceptual plan.

### **City Development Department - Land Development**

No objection

### **El Paso Department of Transportation**

Per the TIA, the developer is responsible for the proportionate share of traffic signals at the following intersections:

	Development Proportionate Share
• McCombs & Rick Husband	\$46,796
• Sean Haggerty & Rushing	\$16,030

### **El Paso Fire Department**

The fire dept. has no adverse comments therefore recommends approval of this case.

### **El Paso Water Utilities**

1. EPWU-PSB does not object to this request.

2. The subject property is located within the City of El Paso Northeast Impact Fee Service Area. Impact fees will be assessed at the time of plat and collected by the El Paso Water Utilities prior to the issuance of a Building Permit by the City of El Paso.

3. Gateway North and McCombs Street are Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) right-of-ways. All

proposed water and sanitary sewer work to be performed within Gateway North and McCombs Street right-of-ways requires written permission from TxDOT.

4. Water and sanitary sewer main extensions are required to provide service to the proposed development.

5. To accommodate the proposed on-site water and sewer mains to serve the development, easements will be required to be dedicated parallel (east and west) of the common boundary line between Lot 4 and Lots 1-3. Also, easements will be required parallel (north and south) of the common boundary line of Lot 1 and Lot 2.

**Water:**

1. Within the 30-foot wide PSB easement, there is an existing 42-inch diameter water transmission main located approximately 15-feet east of the eastern right-of-way line of McCombs Street. Also, there is an existing 16-inch diameter water main located approximately 6.5-feet east of the eastern right-of-way line of McCombs Street. These water mains continue east along the Patriot Freeway frontage. No direct service connections are allowed to these mains as per the El Paso Water Utilities – Public Service Board Rules and Regulations.

2. There is an existing 8-inch diameter water main along Rick Husband Drive.

3. Water service to the subject property requires the extension of the 16-inch diameter water main along the entire subject property Patriot Freeway frontage. Also, extensions of lesser diameter water mains from the 16-inch diameter water mains to the 8-inch diameter water main along Rick Husband Drive are required to create a looped system. The proposed water main extensions will be located along the proposed easements described and requested on Item 4.

**Sanitary Sewer:**

1. There is an existing 8-inch diameter sanitary sewer main along Redstone Peak Place. This sewer main dead-ends at the southern right-of-way line of Rick Husband Drive. This sewer main is available for service.

2. Sewer service to the subject property requires the extension of sewer mains within the easements described and requested on Item 4.

**General**

1. No building, reservoir, structure or other improvement, other than asphaltic paving (HMAC), shall be constructed or maintained on the above referenced EPWU-PSB easements without the written consent of EPWU-PSB. The Developer shall refrain from constructing rock walls, signs, buildings, or any structure that will interfere with the access to the PSB easements. There shall be at least 5-foot setback from the easement line to any sign or structure.

2. EPWU requires a new service application to serve the subject property. New service applications are available at 1154 Hawkins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor. The following items are required at the time of application: (1) hard copy of subdivision plat with street names and addresses; (2) finalized set of street improvement plans, including storm sewer; (3) digital copy of subdivision plat; (4) benchmark check; and (5) construction schedule. Service will be provided in accordance with the current EPWU – PSB Rules and Regulations. The owner is responsible for the costs of any necessary on-site and off-site extensions, relocations or adjustments of water and sanitary sewer lines and appurtenances.

**Attachments:**

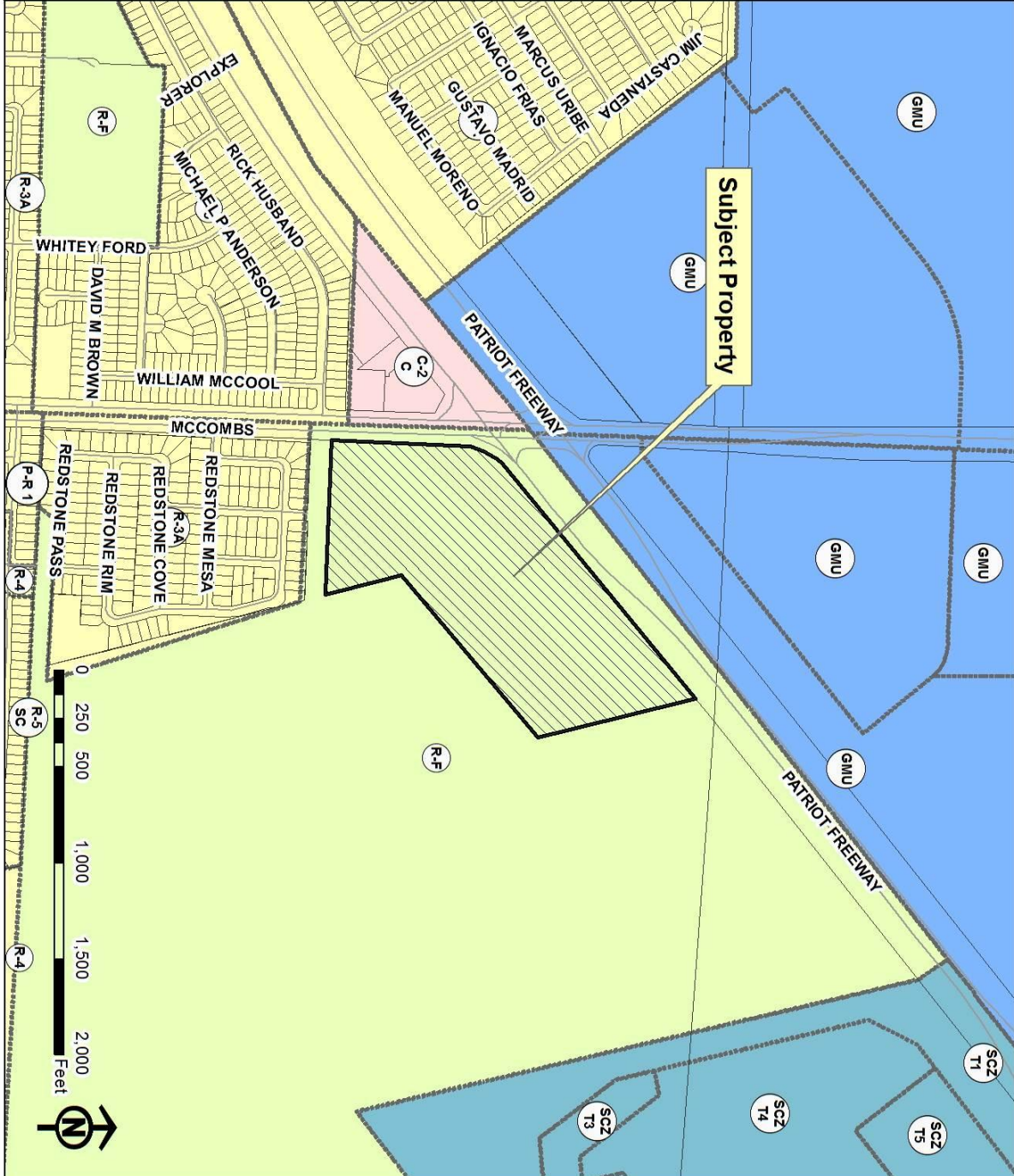
Attachment 1: Zoning Map

Attachment 2: Aerial Map

Attachment 3: Conceptual Site Plan

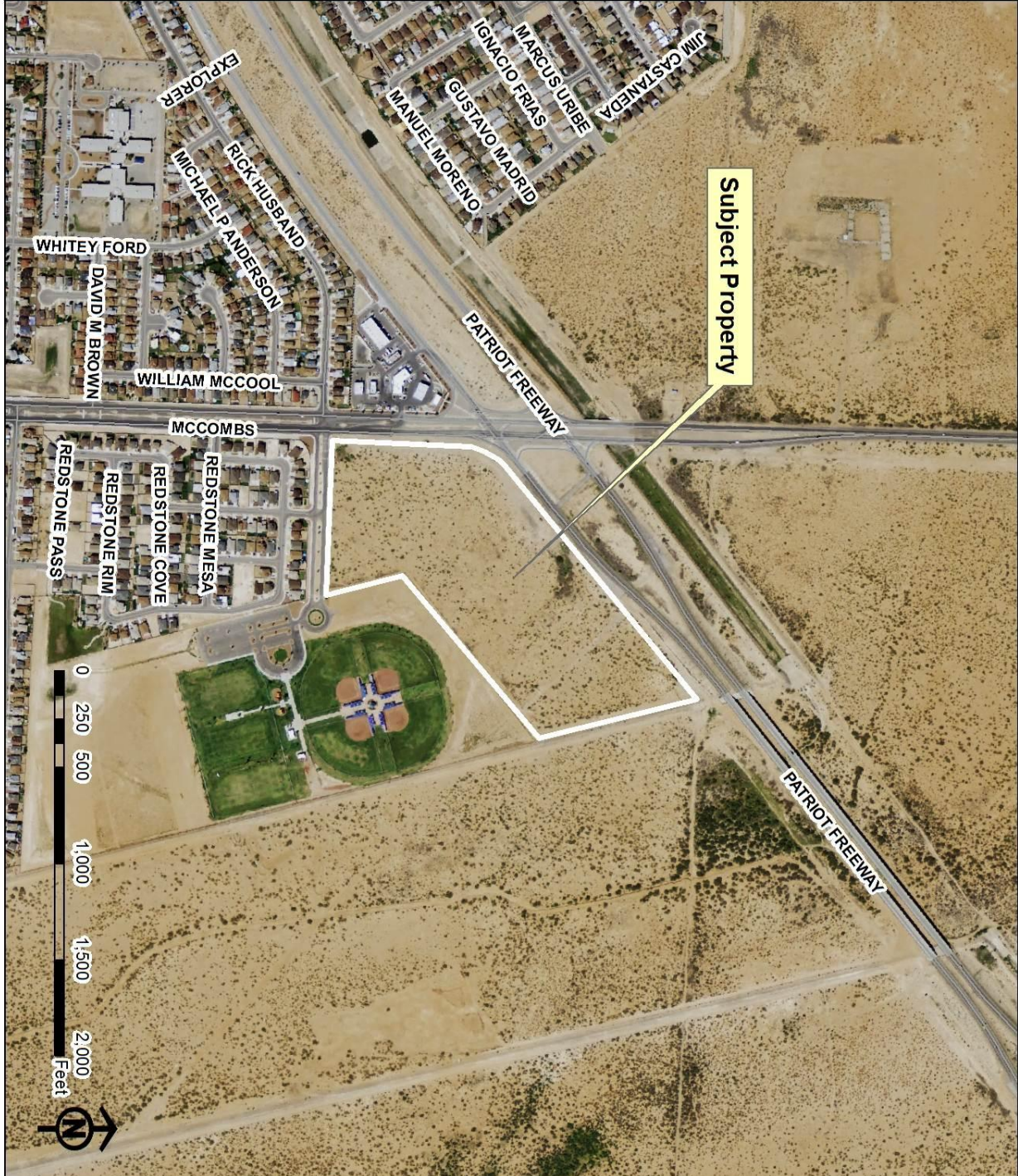
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# ATTACHMENT 3: CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN

